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[E-mail this to a friend](#)[Printable version](#)**'Witch' girl told 'today you die'****A 10-year-old girl has said how she was cornered and told "today you die" by a woman who accused her of witchcraft.**

An Old Bailey jury were shown on Wednesday a police video of the girl describing how she was tortured.

The child's aunt, 39, and Sita Kisanga, 35, from London, deny conspiracy to murder and child cruelty charges.

Sebastian Pinto, 33, and Kiwonde Kiese, 21, both of Stoke Newington, London, deny aiding and abetting child cruelty from August 2002 and November 2003.

The girl, who was eight at the time, also said Ms Kisanga accused other children of being involved in witchcraft.

'Killed someone'

In the video the girl said she was told by Ms Kisanga to take her jumper and vest off.

"She pulled a little knife and she did little marks. I was bleeding," she said.

The girl told the court the people she knew as her mum (her aunt who is not being named), her aunt (Ms Kisanga) and uncle (Mr Pinto), gathered in a circle around her.

She said: "One kicked me, one slapped me and one pushed me. I asked myself 'What have I done?'"

Charges against the four defendants allege that chilli peppers were rubbed into the girl's eyes, she was beaten with a belt, slapped, cut with a knife and starved.



Sebastian Pinto denies aiding and abetting child cruelty

“ She says if I tell anybody she hits me, she will take a knife and stab me ”

The victim

The court had heard the girl was put in a bag and was about to be thrown into a river when the attack was stopped.

The girl had said in a video shown to the jury on Wednesday morning that she was beaten with a high-heeled shoe by Ms Kisanga.

She added: "She laughs when she hits me. She says things to me like 'oh, you have got it now'.

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"She says if I tell anybody she hits me, she will take a knife and stab me."

Explaining why Ms Kisanga had hit her, the girl said in the interview: "My aunt said that my mum and me have got witchcraft."

The trial was adjourned until Thursday.

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